**MCPS COMPETITIVE FOODS PROCEDURES**

**GOAL.** Reimbursable school meals programs should be the primary source of foods and beverages offered at school. All other foods and beverages sold or offered to students on school grounds must contribute to a healthy lifestyle and not add unnecessary calories, fat, sugar, sodium, or additives.

**FREE WATER AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL.** Safe drinking water shall be conveniently available to students throughout the school day at no charge.

**FOODS BROUGHT FROM HOME.** Families and students shall be encouraged to participate in reimbursable school meals programs; at the same time, schools will also make clear that lunches from home are welcome. Schools will discourage students from sharing their foods or beverages with one another during meal or snack times, given concerns about allergies and other restrictions on some children’s diets.

**NUTRITION STANDARDS.**

Mary is going to research and find options for this section.

**FOOD SALES OVERSIGHT.** Building principals must approve the sale, sales location, and sales scheduling of all foods and beverages on school grounds to assure nutritional integrity and to control their possible competition with the reimbursable school meals program. All revenues from the sales of foods or beverages in vending machines, school stores, snack bars, and concessions stands will accrue to the school meals program or the student organizations approved by the building principal.

Foods and beverages sold during athletic events, musical and dramatic performances, and other evening and weekend events attended by adult visitors are encouraged to meet *Tier 1 and Tier 2 standards*; however, each such food or beverage item must be approved in advance by the building principal.

**VENDING CONTRACTS.**

Mary is going to research and find options for this section.

**MARKETING AND COMMERCIAL MESSAGES AT SCHOOL.**

See MCPS Policy 7332, do not include here.

**FOODS AND BEVERAGES AS REWARD, INCENTIVE, OR PUNISHMENT.** Foods and beverages cannot be withheld or provided as a reward, incentive, or punishment.

**FUNDRAISING.**

Linda is going to research and find out more for this section.

See MCPS Policy 7425 and 7425P for more information about wording here.

Consider including: Each student organization is limited to one selling period per week. *Tier 1* foods or beverages may be sold during school hours thirty minutes after the last lunch period if approved by the building principal. *Tier 2* foods and beverages may be sold only after school at the high school level. Organizations engaged in fundraising are encouraged to sell services or items other than foods and beverages.

**CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS.** Schools will limit celebrations that involve food during the school day to no more than one party per class per month, held after the last lunch period. Each party will include no more than one food or beverage that does not meet nutrition standards for foods and beverages. The district will disseminate a list of healthy party ideas to parents and teachers.